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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

I use a private provider for my internet service. The service is far superior to previous providers. I am glad I had a choice. Friends who have bundled service providers tell me they are not pleased; I let them know there are other choices.

I want my internet service to be a leader. From what I read about the internet service in other countries, we are barely keeping pace. 'Leader' is not in the conversation. The laws are in place for our country to provide us world-class internet service. The upgrading of the infrastructural is crucial. I want to see it happen.

I use the internet for the management of my rental, my personal finances, and shopping (from buying my car to buying my groceries). I have my phone service through the internet. I also get news, information, and stay connected with friends and family.

I started with dial-up and a modem. It feels like we are being taken back to these slow speeds and awkward connections rather than going forward. I want fiber optic cable. I want a fast, secure, and reliable internet service. And I know you can provide this.

Thank you for doing your job.

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